

Facebook Updates

April 2022 through November 2022

April 10, 2022

Annie and I are headed to Malasiga this morning! Please pray for safety and health and good progress on the checking as we are there for about 8 weeks. Please pray also for good relationships and unity as we re-establish our presence in the community after being gone for almost 2-1/2 years. Thanks so much.

April 12, 2022

We arrived Monday safe and sound. Thanks for praying. Sorry for the delay in letting you all know. Very busy couple of days starting to get settled in. When I tried to connect last night, the internet connection on the local tower was down, thankfully, it's back up this morning. Both Annie and I are struggling a bit getting used to the heat and noise of life in the village again. But being Easter week we won't be restarting translation work, and so we can take things at a slower pace. We hope to start up again next Tuesday. Please pray for changed hearts as we celebrate our risen Lord. He is risen!

April 18, 2022

Kim posted tonight:

Work has started!! Team of five arrived late... but they DID arrive 😊. Morea and Langusec - two of our "kids" are involved for first time. I'm so pleased to see that! I'm working on 2 Peter back translation. Won't start with Ongengsa until next week.

June 2, 2022

Hi everyone. Just a quickie... Thanks for praying! We arrived back at Ukarumpa yesterday after only about 8 weeks in Malasiga. It was a short, but very productive time, thank the Lord. We have prepared 7 of the shorter New Testament books for Consultant Checking which will be happening in August. Thus there will be 7 more NT books ready for publication! A number of you had been praying for good weather for our trip yesterday as there had been several days in a row of rain. The Lord answered your prayers with a beautiful dry and sunny day. Woo Hoo! God is good. Thanks again for praying.

August 4, 2022

Please pray for current situation, especially our local friends. Here's a statement from our organization:

"Papua New Guinea is conducting national elections, which take place every five years. Election-related violence has occurred in several parts of Papua New Guinea in recent weeks. SIL-PNG has monitored these situations, alerted staff, and adjusted plans as necessary.

One of the locations where election-related violence has occurred is in the Aiyura Valley, near SIL-PNG's Ukarumpa centre. On 3 August, fighting broke out in the Valley, and

continued on 4 August, affecting some of SIL-PNG's operations. Staff working in areas of risk nearby were recalled to the Ukarumpa centre, which is currently safe, though staff are on alert.

Fighting has included the burning of houses in villages near the Ukarumpa centre and may have affected the families of local staff. SIL-PNG department managers are caring for the concerns of their staff on a case-by-case basis.

PNG Defense Forces, police, and local churches are working to stop the fighting. SIL-PNG encourages all involved to resolve their differences legally and peacefully. Going forward, SIL-PNG will continue to monitor the local and national situation, and will adjust operations as needed to ensure the safety of staff throughout PNG."

Two Tami men are coming to be with us for 3 weeks to do consultant checking of several New Testament books. They were to boat to a coastal town and then take a public transportation bus up into the Highlands to where we are now. But because of the current situation, we made a last minute decision to fly them from Finschhafen (near our village) straight here. The plane picked them up early afternoon, but the plane was not able to land here and had to overnight in the port city of Lae. We are hoping and praying things will calm down enough tomorrow to allow them to land here. We are scheduled to begin work on Monday the 8th, but we will have to see how things unfold over the next day or more. Thanks for praying.

August 8, 2022

Thanks to all who are praying with us! Still in the midst of unrest 😞. The Tami men did arrive on Friday morning, having to fly by helicopter from a town about two hours drive from us. They were a bit overwhelmed by the unexpected adventure of it all! Neither had ever flown in a plane before, let alone a heli!! They began work on the consultant checking with Kim today.

September 7, 2022

Thank you so much for all the warm birthday greetings, well wishing, and prayers! God is so good to His children!

I'm headed to the village in just a couple of hours... Please pray that all the logistics will work according to His plan for me. A plane is bringing our new (to us) Honda ATV to Malasiga today. After many years of having this in the works, the plane will leave Ukarumpa with the beast, put down in Lae to retrieve me and a bit of cargo, then drop me and the ATV and goods into Finschhafen. I then hope to load all my stuff on the ATV, put a couple liters of gas into the tank and then drive myself to the village! Thanks for praying. I'll update you all, Lord willing, in 5-6 hours... Blessings, Kim

September 8, 2022

Thanks for praying! I just arrived in Malasiga a little bit ago and all aspects of the trip went very well, thankfully. Once again, no sign of rats, PTL! The cargo should be coming from Lae via dinghy on Monday, so I am hoping to have the house fully cleaned before that all arrives and I

have unpacking to deal with. This is the first time we've tried this scheduling, and it is really great not having to deal with 30 boxes of 'stuff' while I try to clean! I like it.

Annie arrives the end of the month. Please pray for her, especially, but it seems the older we get, the harder it is to be apart - especially for almost a month.. 😞 Thanks for supporting us in prayer! We are so blessed to have so many folks who take us and our pleas before the throne of grace. Blessing on you, Kim

September 10, 2022

Please pray! PNG just experienced a 7.6 earthquake. I (Kim) am in the village and Annie is at Ukarumpa still. I left the village house after about 5 seconds after it started, as it was already "a BIG one" at that point and could hardly make it down the stairs. I called Annie and thankfully got through. There is MAJOR damage throughout the house. The mission center is about 30 miles from the epicenter. Everything (it seems) in our house at Ukarumpa got shaken out of the cupboards, and there is broken glass everywhere. This will be a major loss, cleanup, and recovery for LOTS of people! We'll keep y'all posted as we are able. Thanks for praying!

September 10, 2022

Megan Stambolliu

Please pray.

My parents just experienced a 7.6 magnitude earthquake in Papua New Guinea. Praise the Lord they both are ok although there is extensive damage to the house. My mom is by herself on the missions center and my dad is out in the village.

Please pray for peace and comfort as they are apart and this was quite traumatic. Please pray as there are still aftershocks happening and that there would not be a tsunami triggered from the earthquake or aftershocks or more damage to the house. Also please pray for the many people in PNG who may experience heavy damage/loss to what little they have.

Update: tsunami warning has been canceled and seems to be no further threat of one.

Update: 9/13/22- praise the Lord my dad was able to book a flight fairly quickly to head back to the missions center tomorrow to be with my mom as this has been very traumatic for her! Still lots of cleanup to do at the house. Thank you everyone for praying!! ❤️

My parents are ok. My dad decided to go back to the mission center to be with my mom as this has been very traumatic for her. Praise the Lord he was able to work out a plane coming to get him tomorrow. Still lots of work to do in cleaning up the house.

September 10, 2022

We are both safe at present, so not to worry. The tsunami watch issued earlier has been cancelled!

Annie is badly shake up - no pun intended - and is by herself cleaning up this major mess at our Ukarumpa house. Not sure if we need to change the currently planned schedule or not. She was going to join me in the village on the 28th... That seems a long time from now. Please ask the Lord to give us His mind and abundant grace. Thanks so much!

September 12, 2022

Please pray for wisdom and grace and for space on a plane or helicopter to be available for me (Kim) to return to Ukarumpa to be with Annie ASAP. Since yesterday's destructive earthquake hit PNG, it has become increasingly apparent that she has been severely traumatized by this event, and I need to return to Ukarumpa immediately!! LOTS to do - or undo what I've done the last few days - before I'll be ready to lock the door and leave the village. Please pray also for stamina for me and peace and patience for Annie. Thanks dear praying friends! We love you and need you. Blessings!

September 12, 2022

The Lord has answered our prayers! Thank you Lord, and thank you praying friends. I got notification that a helicopter would be able to get me tomorrow afternoon. Before I could let you all join me in my celebration, I received an amended email that a fixed wing plane would be retrieving me instead, and it would be arriving at 11:00AM tomorrow! Sooner is better... 😊 and I'm so thankful, as is Annie, that this was able to be worked out so speedily! Thanks again, dear ones!

September 15, 2022

I (Kim) am back at Ukarumpa safe and sound, and we're together again... 😊 Sorry for the delayed update. Our 'normal' internet has been down and likely will be for a while.. 😞 Current connections are intermittent or at least slow with timeouts occurring before we can connect. So please be patient. Something else to pray about. 😊 Thanks for your faithfulness in prayer, your love and friendship.

September 26, 2022

Just to let you all know, we were scheduled to both fly to the village Wednesday the 28th, but after much discussion, prayer, and input from the Staff Care folks here at Ukarumpa, we decided we really need to postpone returning to the village at this time. Thank you for your sustaining prayers, friendship, and encouragement.

October 26, 2022

Thanks for your continued prayers. We were able to get 4 Tami men to Ukarumpa to do some checking of the Gospel of Matthew! Please pray that the Spirit of God would use the Word in a mighty way in their lives while they are spending 8 hours everyday in Matthew. They will be here until November 11th. Pray that God would grant the gifts of repentance and faith to each one of these men: Bingading, Boas, Malum, and Alfred. Thanks so much. Love to all, Kim